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Stinking seaweed, 'trapped' and rotting on  
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## THE STINK MIGHT GO

Relief is in sight for Altona residents who for years have had to put up with the foul stench of rotting seaweed.

Three 50 ft. long groynes (wire mesh baskets filled with basalt stones) will be installed at the beach as a trial as soon as approval is gained from the Port Phillip Bay Authority.

City engineer, Mr. Ralph Simmons said the groynes would cost \$1500 each and would run from the sea wall to the sea.

Mr. Simmons said the current would move sand along the beach and as the water lapped against the groynes sand would be deposited.

By building up the beach the seaweed could be more easily washed out to sea.

Cr. Les Crofts said Altona was such a flat beach that during the calm the water did not have sufficient force to wash out seaweed deposited on the beach.

Sand has been dumped on the beach for several years as a part of the general improvements.

Mr. Simmons said a couple of thousand yards of sand had been dumped on the beach in the past year.

This gradual building up of the beach meant eventually a greater area of sand would be free of seaweed.

Seaweed would have a tendency to remain at the water's edge and be more easily washed out to sea.

It is anticipated \$6000 will be spent cleaning up the beach in the coming year.

The greatest concentration of seaweed is deposited on a quarter mile stretch of flat beach between Romawi

and Maidstone Streets.

Cr. Les Crofts said the vile smell was caused by a chemical reaction which occurred when the sun shone on the seaweed producing Hydrogen Sulphide.

Seaweed has been a problem at Altona as well as other bayside beaches for many years.

"Methods tried to rid the beach of seaweed have included a sand trap which allowed sand to be washed in without escaping, and a series of planks placed at right angles to the sand from The Esplanade to the pier," he said.

Mr. Simmons said the alternatives to combat the seaweed problem were to remove it from the beach, introduce bugs to eat it or to poison it.

"By introducing bugs or poison, nature would be upset and this would affect marine life."

The position of seaweed beds and the nature of currents had a lot to do with the depositing of seaweed he said.

"A possible way of overcoming the problem could even be to place a net in the sea."

## Boy, look at all those toys!



This is how children look through shop windows at Christmas time — with faces full of excitement, wonder, and perhaps even a little worry! Danielle and Finbarr Hart took a front position to press their noses against the window of Altona Toyland in Pier Street, wondering and hoping.

## Fined for assault

A 48-year-old Altona man who grabbed a woman by the arm and pulled her towards his car was fined \$50 for unlawful assault at Footscray Court last Thursday.

Oscar Hilton McCartney, watchman, of 3 BP staff house, Kororoit Creek Road, Altona, pleaded not guilty to the charge before Mr. J. R. Aitken, SM.

June Lillian Allen, housewife, of 50 Eames Avenue, Brooklyn told the court she was walking along Heather Avenue, Brooklyn towards Stenhouse Avenue at 2.45 p.m. on September 21, when the incident occurred.

Senior Constable Les Allen of Kingsville said McCartney told him in an interview that he had a lot to drink and did not remember what he did the previous day.

● A Christmas message from the Mayor of Altona, Cr. Douglas Keith Grant, JP.

## Merry Christmas

To the citizens of the City of Altona, the Mayoress and myself extend heartiest seasons greetings and our wish for a peaceful and prosperous New Year for all.

As we enjoy fellowship with our friends and acquaintances over the holiday period, I trust that the same spirit of friendship will continue during 1971.

I appeal to all citizens to exercise care in whatever activity they may be engaged in, whether it be work, play, travelling or leisure. A merry Christmas to you all.

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# \$11,879 FROM LAND SALE

Altona council will realise \$11,879 in unpaid rates and drainage scheme liabilities from a land rate-recovery sale held recently.

The sale involved 30 blocks in Stage 2 of the Altona Meadows estate.

Average price paid for the blocks was \$1900 with a high price of \$2600 and a low of \$1450.

Any surplus money raised will be forwarded to individual owners.

Council compulsorily acquired 13 of these blocks to be set aside for special amenities.

The Education Department has indicated it is

interested in acquiring land north of Alma Avenue for a primary school site.

This application was made last January.

Council recommended the land in question be extended from the north-west corner of Alma and Nicholson streets to North Road and said it was satisfactory for a school site.

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# No sanctuary at Cherry Lake

The Department of Fisheries and Wildlife has turned down an Altona council request to declare Cherry Lake a sanctuary.

However, council will investigate the possibility of the lake being stocked with fish.

This follows a letter from the department tabled at the last council meeting.

The letter said a sanc-

tuary area must provide refuge for game during an open season and be of significant value to local game populations.

Although Cherry Lake would be included in the usual ban on shooting in town areas, the depart-

ment does not proclaim areas as sanctuaries in town areas, the letter said.

Cr. Harry Weaver successfully moved that the letter be noted with regret, that the City Engineer (Mr. R. C. Simmons) investigate the possibility of stocking the lake with fish and that the Town Clerk report on the extent of shooting prohibition within the city.

# Youth hall may be extended

Altona council will consider a deputation from the Altona Citizens and Police Youth Club regarding extensions to the Altona Youth hall.

The club wants the hall extended by 36 feet to provide an indoor basketball court and so a boxing ring can be erected at all times.

The club has set aside \$1000 in a building account and wants the project included on council estimates for next year.

The council will meet

the deputation next year in a general purposes committee meeting and has asked the town clerk for a report on the matter.

## Loan will buy land

Altona council will use all but \$23,486 of a \$100,000 A.M.P. loan for land acquisition.

The amount will go towards council's new tip and its access roads.

Details of money to be spent are: Land acquisition; Hammond Street (7000); Noordenne Estate (\$1800); Esplanade (\$11,000); Altona North Recreation Reserve (\$16,714); Truganina Explosives Reserve \$40,000.

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# WSMA WANTS WEST UNDER ONE ROOF

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The Western Suburbs Municipal Association has taken the first steps towards one of the most ambitious local government reforms yet attempted in the metropolitan area.

The Association's aim is to give birth to a regional council to replace councils currently functioning in the western suburbs.

The long-term aim of regionalisation, as proposed by the Australian Labor Party is to form a network of regional councils, operating under the Commonwealth Government and replacing the State Government system.

Cr. Fred Maddern, Footscray's representative on the WSMA, said this week the Association had a 50-50 chance of success, depending upon the attitudes of Footscray and Williamstown, and Werribee.

The WSMA has asked its member councils to declare support or opposition to the regionalisation proposal. So far, only Sunshine, which started the move, has declared its support.

Melton is opposing it, Altona simply shelved the idea and Footscray, Williamstown and Werribee have not made a decision.

Cr. Maddern said regionalisation did not depend for success upon all western councils supporting the move.

"There's no reason why can't go ahead with only two or three municipalities," he said.

The west's strongest

advocate of regionalisation has been Sunshine councillor Jack Tighe whose motion at a WSMA meeting resulted in the western council's attitudes being sought.

## Long-term

Another Sunshine council man who has made a detailed study of regionalisation is social welfare director Colin Benjamin, unsuccessful A.L.P. candidate in the recent Melbourne West by-election.

Mr. Benjamin supports the eventual replacement of local councils with regional councils but sees it as a long-term project.

"Under the present Government, I think it would take at least a decade," he said this week.

Mr. Benjamin advocates a pilot project to prove regional administration can work and to improve the chances for amending legislation necessary to in-

## —but Altona says no

roduce full-scale regionalisation. He hopes to see existing councils providing staff for a regional council, which would work as a planning and co-ordinating body.

Existing councils would be retained.

He said the WSMA could become a regional council in this sense, if it were supplied with staff.

"Such a regional council would have no power under the Local Government Act, although I think it should have," Mr. Benjamin said.

## People

"The services of existing councils end at the municipal boundaries. They are not geared to the people as a whole.

"Problems do not stop at Main Road East or Ashley Street, they extend into the neighboring cities as well."

Whereas Cr. Maddern believes a group of western councils would get the Minister for Local Government's approval to become a pioneer regional council, Mr. Benjamin does not.

Cr. Maddern said once the councils had agreed, a committee would be formed to investigate all aspects of the scheme and then present its case to the Minister.

Cr. Maddern believes

the Minister would give his approval and that a regional council could begin functioning within two years.

## Ideal

He said some amending legislation would be necessary.

The western suburbs are ideal for regionalisation because of their comparative isolation and because they comprise a more compact, smaller area than the eastern or northern suburbs.

Cr. Maddern said a re-

gional council would eliminate the duplication of services like engineering, health and social welfare.

This would contribute to a reduction in overhead, and the saving could be reflected in rate bills.

"In the case of Footscray and Williamstown the rates would probably fall immediately. Other areas would not feel relief straight away but there would be long-term benefits for everyone," he said.

## Teacher is honored

Altona West State School held its first night at Mt. St. Joseph's Girls' School Assembly Hall recently in honor of Mr. Thorpe who is retiring from the teaching profession after 49 years of service.

The last six years of this time he spent at Altona West.

Mr. Thorpe spent most of his teaching career in the country and came to Altona West when it was only a small, unequipped school of 359 children.

In the past six years he has seen it grow from this size to a larger, well equipped and still growing school it is now, with about 690 pupils.

Mr. Thorpe has been an active sports master for this time and has always been in charge of the fine choir which helped to make Friday nights more enjoyable.

A presentation on behalf of the School Committee and Mothers' Club was made to Mr. and Mrs. Thorpe and they received good wishes from Mr. Treysaud on behalf of the Education Department and Cr. Crofts on behalf of the City Council.

Mr. and Mrs. Thorpe plan to stay in Altona and the teachers of the school extend their best wishes to them.

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# A history of land development in Altona

Land prices in Altona just after the turn of the century could only be marvelled at considering what the same blocks of land would be bringing now.

Here we continue the story of one of the first great land sales.

A vast Multitude (about 3000) were at the sale. Just after 3 p.m. Mr. Perryman mounted the rostrum and commenced the sale. The first lot sold (No. 19) on the corner of the Esplanade and Pier Street was sold for £13 (\$26) a foot frontage, after starting at £5 (\$10).

Wages at this time averaged £3 — 4 a week (\$6 — 8). In all 114 lots were sold, realising £25,442/5/9 (\$50,884.58) about half a million dollars in today's money.

Here follows a list of prices obtained in various parts of the estate put up for sale that day; — balance of Esplanade, — from £6/10/0 — £4/15/0 a foot.

Pier Street, £7/0/0 — £1/7/6 a foot;

Queen Street, £6/10/0 — £4/15/0 ft;

Sargood Street, £3/5/0 — £1/5/0 ft;

Bent Street, £3/0/0 — £1/1/0 ft;

Blyth Street, £5/2/6 — £1/17/6 ft;

Nellie Street, £2/5/0 — £1/1/0 ft;

Railway Street, £5/10/0 — £2/3/0 ft.

When the sale finished, the picnickers (for so it was for most of them) rushed the trains ranged along Altona Bay platform at Pier Street. These were soon crowded and steaming away on their 25 minute (!) journey to town.

An eyewitness continues, "The stream of land

buyers hurried as the steamers' whistles blew and gongs sounded. Our party boarded 'Surprise' and challenged 'Williams' and 'Rescue'. Hats were lifted, pocket handkerchiefs waved, as gradually the beautiful foreshores of Altona Bay faded from view.

Songs were sung, and a pleasant 20 minutes or so passed. The train was waiting at Sandridge and we were soon back in the city."

The second sale took place the following Saturday. On the Tuesday and Thursday the steamer "Hercules" was hired to take prospective buyers to Altona. On the day of the sale, two trains were scheduled to run to Altona whilst the boat brought their quota of people.

Over 2000 souls attended the sales which again were successful. Altogether eight known sales were held in 1888 as follows: 1st — 8.9.88 - 281 allots. 2nd 15.9.88 - 169 allots. 3rd 22.9.88 - 184 allots. 4th 29.9.88 - 141 allots. 5th 6.10.88 - 117 allots. 6th 13.10.88 - 106 allots. 7th 27.10.88 - unknown. 8th 9.11.88 - unknown.

What some people thought of land sales was summed up in a newspaper of the period, "The scene, opens on board a steamer, bound for the 2nd land sale at Altona. A man is seen to be com-

plaining 'Is there any free also on board?'

"He was told there was not but that there would be an abundance free on the ground. No free tea or coffee then?" He was informed there was not. "Oh! Then send the waiter up at once with some cigars!" He yelled and was again disappointed. He kept up a well sustained snarl till he reached the ground where he indulged in all manner of free refreshments to his hearts content."

At the later sales one train and boat sufficed to transport the buyers. On the Thursday prior to most sales as boat took prospective buyers to have a look at 'Altona.'

Building operations, including a post a telegraph office started on October 7th, however the land boom which had now reached enormous proportions burst just before the 7th sale on the 27th of the same month.

On October 8 the "S.S. Active" commenced a daily service from Port Melbourne to Altona. About the same time efforts were made to have a regular train and also the railway was extended to "Beach" station, just over three quarters of a mile westward, west of Lilly Street (NOW Grieve Parade) during October. The 8th (and possibly the last) took place on Friday November the 9th (a public holiday) with one special train and 2 steamers to

Written by ALLAN J. CLARK, Hon. Secretary of the Altona Historical Society.

handle the expected patronage.

No details of how successful this sale was have yet come to light but one suspects that bidding would not have been very brisk.

As land values dropped the proprietors in an effort to sell land applied to have a regular train service to Altona. They may have succeeded in this as mention is made in an article that all regular passenger trains were cancelled after August 14th 1890. It also shows that their efforts to sell the land were to no avail.

Perryman the auctioneer sold his interest in the company to J. Hosie who now held a large share whilst D. Munro sold his to a Henry Jennings a Solicitor. The capital of the company was increased from £300,000 (\$600,000) to £345,000 (\$690,000) in March 1891.

## COAL MINING

In 1892 coal prospecting started again in Williamstown and Hosie and the company decided to try to cut the company's losses by trying their luck at coal by prospecting on their property.

On February 2, 1893 brown coal was encountered by the Williamstown Newport Coal Prospecting Co. near the Newport Freezing Works. Encouraged by this news Hosie's group pushed on and in July, 1893 Hosie's bore encountered a thick seam of brown coal.

Encouraged by this find the company persuaded the Mines Department to put down a bore where the Koorringal Golf Course now is, in April, 1894 and encountered a 70' 5" thick seam of brown coal.

This is all the Altona Bay Company needed, at least one shaft was sunk near where Wren Street is now in Altona West and an unknown quantity of coal extracted.

How much market Hosie's mine obtained is not known but the company hired a steam locomotive No. 528 from July, 1895 to at least March 1896, presumably to run coal trains to and from Altona.

It seems probable that the mining venture came to an end when the company deepened the shaft and struck the underlying Port Phillip subartesian basin which flooded the workings.

This coupled with a poor market for the brown coal sealed the Altona Bay Estate Co. Ltd.'s fate as it went out of existence during 1896.

The unsold areas passing into 'The Trust and Agency Co. Of Australia' who held a mortgage on the property. Thus Altona's first boom period closed.

What Altona looked like at this time can be best described by some of the early residents themselves: First is Mrs. V. Rayner, a member of a family that settled at Al-

tona in the 1880s, who wrote an article some years ago.

First of all she mentioned a little about the 'Altona Bay Estate Co.' then goes on — "About 60 years ago (1890) The water was laid on as far as Sargood Street."

The 'Homestead' was a beautiful place with a most attractive garden of about three acres. The boundary rider of the Estate lived there with his seven daughters.

There was a "Lookout" just about where the Baptist Hall now stands. The stone buildings now used as the council rooms (since demolished) were, at this period, used as a dairy, meat house and storeroom for 'the Homestead.'

The beach was then as clean and safe for bathing as could be found anywhere around the bay. The beautiful shells were an added attraction.

Beautiful plantations, three trees deep — mainly of English trees, together with the Tamarisk along the beach formed a square from Davies Street along the Esplanade and then, along Rose Street, then along Railway Street back to Davies Street. These plantations were fenced.

The paddocks were planted with lucerne, clover and other fodder grasses. Many big She-oak trees were in the paddocks, large numbers of horses, cows and sheep grazed in the paddocks. (The Altona Bay Co. used their Estate in later years to spell horses and leased areas for grazing purposes).

A shearing shed was located in Rose Street north and was used for some

time at the brown coal mine.

A Mr. Alfred Mowlan described his early impressions as such: — "During the year 1893, I came to Altona and lived with a family named Herbert, who had a dairy and milk round in Williamstown."

The house in which we lived was that now occupied by the Flemings and was one of the only three houses on that (the east) side of Pier Street.

The two houses were Rayner's house in Mount Street (then occupied by Quinns — also dairymen of Williamstown) and a house occupied by a Mr. White who later became engine driver at the coal mine.

At this time there were a few small shops in Queen street opposite the 'Homestead.' The coffee palace ('Altona House') was unoccupied and a good rabbit-trapping territory surrounded it.

The railway station consisted of just a platform and ticket office. I remember that for a period of four years one train — a picnic special from Footscray — visited Altona.

In Pier Street at this time stood an elevated platform about 35' high. This was originally a station lookout and was later used as a rostrum for land salesmen. The pier was in good condition and had a line and trolley on it.

A frame was attached to the end of the pier and was used by the naval boats HMAS 'Childers' and 'Countess of Hopton' for torpedo practice. Occasionally, the pleasure boat 'Sprightly' visited Altona.

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# CONFEDERATES ARE AMONGST US . . .

I was escorted to the house by three Confederate soldiers, led by Lt. Stuart Duff.

As we approached the front door, Lt. Duff whistled a couple of bars of "Dixie", which was answered, and the door was opened.

Not an account from a Civil War diary, the events mentioned occurred last Thursday night in a north (curse the word) suburban house.

When we arrived grey-clad men, about 14 in all, were sitting around a small lounge room, re-living old skirmishes and the night they captured the Fern-tree Gully Hotel.

But that's another story.

Lt. Duff, who lives in Altona, introduced me to the men, who stood to attention one by one and introduced themselves with a handshake and a slight, but so noticeably southern bow from the waist.

Their ages ranged from 16-65, all decked out in their full dress uniforms of grey and yellow.

The most immediate question that came to mind was, "What the

heck are they up to?" especially when you find out that the group was established by the United States Government and has been recognised by both the State and Federal Governments of Australia.

Lt. (otherwise known as Stuart) Duff explained.

"We are a re-activated American Civil War unit, the First Tennessee Infantry Regiment, of the United States Provisional Army, which was established by the U.S. Government's Civil War Centennial Commission during the centennial 1961-5.

"The main purpose of the unit is to investigate the part Australia played in the American Civil War and put on displays of the period."

To whet my appetite he mentioned that the last Confederate soldiers to surrender in the war were 42 Australians, recruited in Melbourne from 141 Flinders Lane.

He added that, and I thought showed a real Australian pride in the fact, that they didn't surrender until six months after the war.

The group invited me to a meeting, which was held at the home of another interested historical researcher.

The discussion around the room chopped and changed across many subjects from the authenticity of uniforms in the film *Gone With the Wind* to why the South wore grey uniforms.

Stuart explained, "Originally the Southern Militia was modelled on the famous Seventh New York Regiment and large stocks of the material were brought up."

"Each State undertook to supply their own troopers with uni-

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with  
muskets,  
bayonets,  
bullets,  
etc.

In an aside one member said to the other "... but it was Quantrell who taught Jesse and Frank James how to rob banks."

"The Younger brothers, what was his name, Cole, and his brother had commissions in Quantrell's Raiders when they burnt down ..."

The members of the group explained why they were dressed in what would appear to be uniforms more suited to kids.

"We feel that we are living a bit closer to history, by wearing the uniforms of the original Tennessee Infantry, which we represent."

The uniforms, like

## BY GARY SMITH

forms, and later in the war some ran out of material.

"Many families in this case made homespun uniforms dyed with a solution from walnut kernels."

"Yankee colonels, I hope, said an interjector", followed by hearty chuckles.

Continuing, Stuart said, "The more kernels you put into the mixture the more butternut colored the dye became."

"Consequently in a camp few of the soldiers would have the same color if not the same shade of uniform," he said.

their originals, were made at home and are precisely correct.

The kepis or hats were sent from America, but the group thought they were too "Hollywoodish", and completely rebuilt them closer to the originals.

The two collectors in the group are Lt. Duff and Adrian Pearce, and executive from GMH.

Jointly they have spent hundreds of dollars on buying muskets, belts, swords, bayonets, bullets, cups, and other relics.

They explained it is not a matter of opening a catalogue and buying



● Seen here during a lull in the battle is one of the club's ex-members. This photo was taken during a recent bivouac.

the items.

Each spent years writing to America searching for the items and later persuading their owners to sell them.

Once the particular item is purchased the real work begins of tracking down its ancestry.

Adrian owns a book called, *The Life and Campaigns of Thomas J. Jackson*, (Stonewall Jackson), written by his chief of staff, Professor R. L. Dubkeg.

Inside the book is the inscription "To William Dent Hanson, Martinsburg, Virginia, from Jennie."

Adrian noticed that someone had gone through the book with a pencil, writing corrections in the margin.

He guessed it might have been the owner, and that the owner fought in Stonewall's force.

As result of his correspondence research the military record of the man was found and it showed Hanson to have ridden with Stonewall's Seventh Virginia Cavalry.

Each piece of information about the relics and history turned up by the group has been carefully documented as was the Shenandoah incident.

The CSS Shenandoah was a Confederate raider that visited Melbourne in 1865, causing quite a stir.

She was a raider in the Pacific, preying on north American trading vessels.

On one of these missions, she damaged her propeller shaft and the nearest friendly port with the facilities was Williamstown, where they wanted to use the then government slipways.

Not sure of the reception they'd get, they folded the Confederate flag into the corner of a white one.

When the pilot came on board as the craft was ready to pass through the heads, he

didn't know the ship was Confederate until, instead of playing the national anthem, they played "Dixie", and the Confederate flag was unfurled.

The Shenandoah was eventually docked at Sandridge Pier in Port Melbourne.

The Shenandoah did provoke a lot of discussion about the defenses of Melbourne through which any ship can pass at will.

At that time she was equipped with guns that could have levelled Melbourne from four miles away.

On their arrival in Melbourne itself the officers were made welcome by the people and some were even taken to the Melbourne Club.

Stuart said "to cut a long story short, there was an act at the time that said no English citizen could enlist in a foreign army."

"When the Shenandoah left, a steam packet followed her, and once outside the Australian limits the Australians were muscled in."

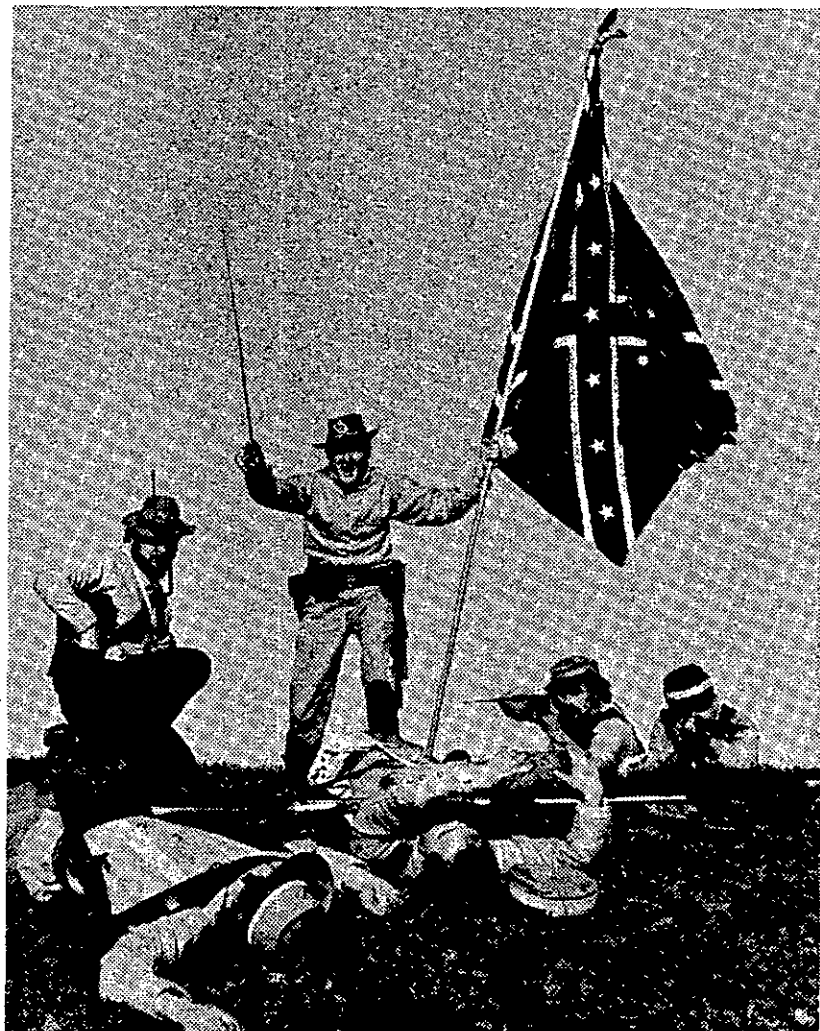
Being a raider in the days before radio, the Shenandoah didn't know the war was over until a British merchant hailed them and explained.

The ship disarmed itself and went to Liverpool, from where the Australians were repatriated.

But the unit's activities go further than collecting history.

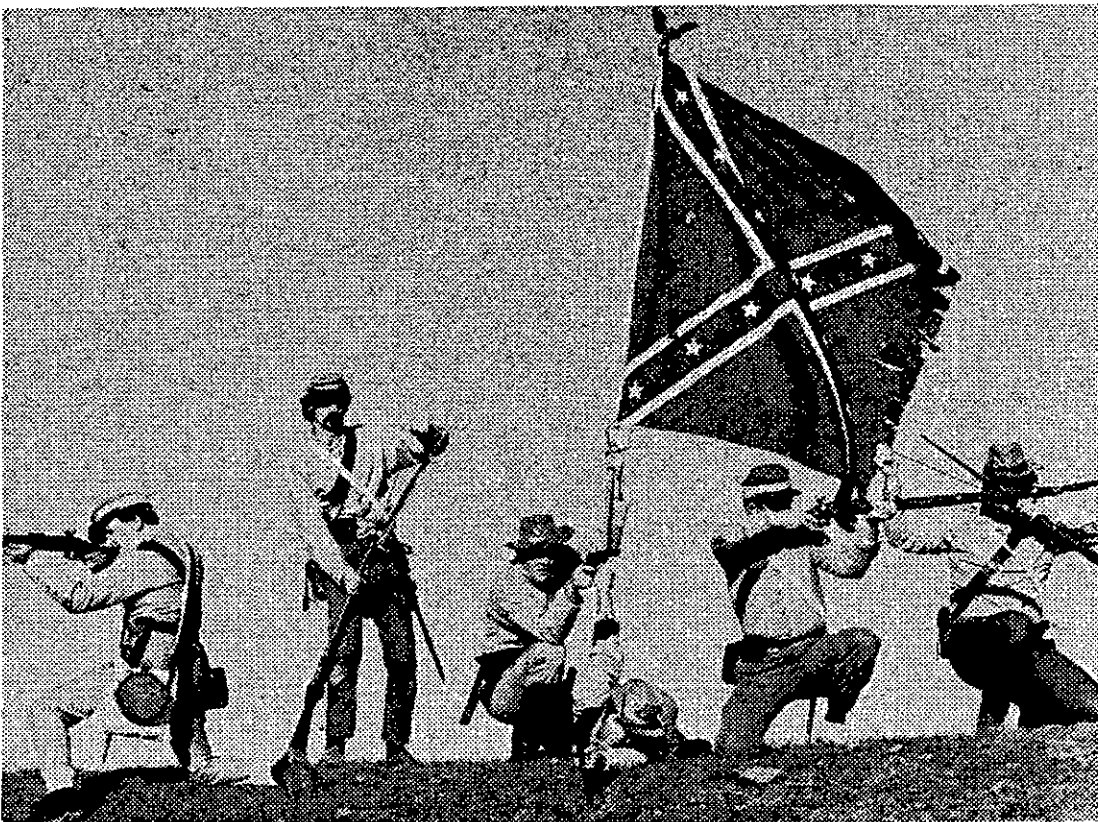
They marched 16 miles to raise money for the Westgate Bridge Appeal; have attended several balls as a group, regularly hold bivouacs (or skirmishes as they call them) and are currently assisting Cyril Pearl, a well-known author and columnist to write a book about the period.

Apart from this the group, five in all, participated in making a film, with producer Ron Hoffman about the Civil War.



● Mocking a skirmish like the one shown above is all part of the regiment's activities. Holding the battle-flag is Adrian Pearce, surrounded by unit members beating off a "Yank" attack.

● Seen here in a re-created Civil War skirmish, members of the regiment dummy for photographer John Lamb. Rifles used by the South in the war are being used by members to re-create the scene.



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# Chook cook started with ice creams

At the age of 12, Peter Gantidis would spend nights peering through a window to watch his cousin making confectionery in the Greek village, Polykastron.

It was not because of childish curiosity or a sweet tooth. He had seen the profits that could be made and

was preparing to begin his own business!

Not confectionery, but making and selling ice cream.

"One day I saw my cousin delivering sweets and his pocket was full of money," Peter said.

"From that day I didn't want to go to school anymore. I wanted to enter business."

Peter left school and continued his studies at night school. With his own recipe, he made ice

cream by hand and sold it — in many flavors — in the street. And he made a profit.

He came from a large and rather poor family and his older brothers found it difficult to see how he could make a success of ice cream.

So when he left the army at the age of 18 he became a salesman in a department store in Athens.

He then bought a truck and delivered oil, cheese, poultry and wheat from village markets to the city.

At 15 he sold the first hamburgers in his village. Peter set up a few racks and with the hamburgers sold beer and spirits.

At 24 Peter left for Australia with no money and an old pair of shoes. He had given his money to relatives who had little clothing and went without sugar and tea.

He could not speak, read or write English. At times he thought he would go out of his mind.

Once he decided to return to Greece but then changed his mind.

### Night school

It was quite a battle Peter worked all day and attended night school at Coburg and Brunswick. When he had picked up enough English he studied fitting and turning at Footscray Institute of Technology.

But his heart was in business, particularly the take-away food business.

So Peter opened the Victoria Fried Chicken shop in Mason Street, Newport.

Before opening, Peter and his wife Tola spent two months — night and day — cooking chickens.

"We threw away many burned chickens. We had to go inch by inch until we got the recipe," Peter said.

The shop was officially

opened on November 21, by Archbishop Izekeil who flew from Sydney.

Business fluctuated in the first two weeks but is now rapidly increasing. So much so that Peter finds it hard to close the doors before 12 midnight and he is open from 11 a.m., seven days a week.

Peter is not a gambler, except when it comes to business. He would love to have opened a restaurant or reception rooms.

### No money

"The heart was there but the money wasn't," he said.

Even so Peter has a permit to extend the present building and has plans for a second storey to be built with reception rooms to cater for 300.

Victoria Fried Chicken offers a wide range of food from chicken to steak; fish, hamburgers and continental souvlakia. Weddings and parties are also catered for.

Chef, George Sofianopoulos, has been in Australia only four weeks. He left his job as a chef with Hilton Hotels, Athens, to work for Peter.

Peter is a hard worker, not only in his own business but for the community.

He is president of the Yarraville Greek Orthodox Church and formed an organisation to help Greek migrants. The organisation has 150 members.

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In her annual report, the school's principal, Mrs. E. Price, said that the children were encouraged to take an interest in current affairs. Several of them had completed very interesting projects.

These projects were integrated with lessons taken, and, were extremely good for the children, who had to seek information from various sources, learning as they went along.

The school made several outings during the year — to see the Royal family, to the ballet, "The Wind in the Willows," to the Royal Show and the Anzac ceremony at the Shrine, and to the Astro-Jet exhibition at Tullamarine.

The highlight was the three day trip to the snow at Harrietville.

Successful students in the Scholarship examinations were Helen Kovevaar, Dominic McLoughlin, Anita Putkunz and Tracey Hendrickson.

A new SRS Reading Laboratory was purchased for the younger children.

The children collected a total of \$54 for charity during the year.

Prize winners were: Leavers — Andrew MacInnes, Charlie Covelli, Peter Jones, Roger Curtin; Most Improved — Peter Jones, Karen Prekeris; Good Behaviour and Helpfulness — Karen Prekeris; School Captain — Bruce Connel; Temporary School Captain — Charlie Covelli; Art — 1st prize Andrew MacInnes, 2nd prize, Roger Curtin; Dux of the School — Andrew MacInnes; Tennis Cup for Best Player — Andrew MacInnes; Most Improved player — Suzanne Mellis; Special Red Cross Prize — Suzanne Mellis; Certificates, 3rd Grade — 1st in class, Sally Rex, Social Studies, Maths and Scriptures — Karen Prekeris, English, Social Studies and Reading — Lisa Crittenden.

Fourth Grade — 1st in class Timothy White, Reading, Spelling and Art — Tracey Hendrickson, Social Studies, Jane Pentreath.

Fifth Grade — 1st in class Suzanne Mellis; Sixth Grade Most Improved: Roger Curtin.

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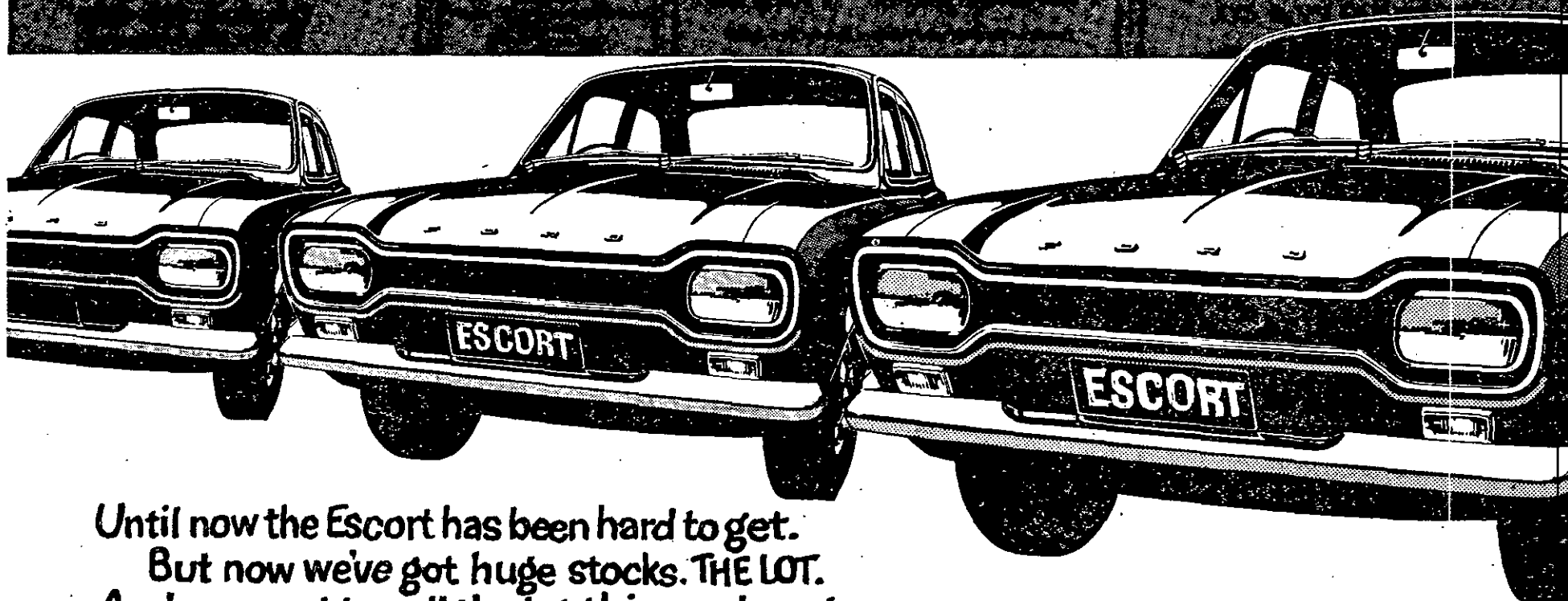
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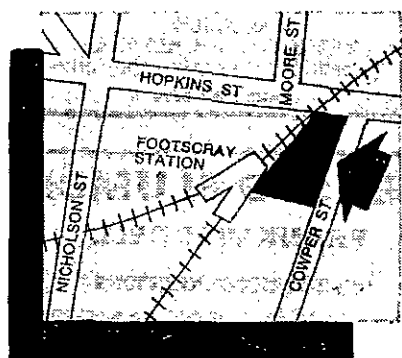
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But I'll just shove this turkey in  
to mingle with the rum and gin.  
The Jag's quite packed with well-earned loot  
for a valued client. I've filled the boot  
with lavish gifts and smokes galore.  
I've stacked it in from door to door.  
It's so dashed hard to think when drunk  
just where I'll put this bloomin' junk.  
But now that you've asked me what I long for,  
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### Rubbish Tip

The Rubbish Tip, located near the Pines Scout area, off Altona Road, beyond Altona Working Men's Club, will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. The Tip will open all other days, including Sundays, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. — fees must be paid to the Officer-in-charge, whose directions must be followed.

### Pollution Control

During the holiday period, the Civic Offices will be closed, but problems concerning health or pollution will be attended to on phoning 398 175.

### Sanitary Contract

Pan clearance — this will be carried out as usual. For emergency service or complaints, please ring the contractor direct on 314 4972 or 314 6836.

### Civic Offices

The Civic Offices will be closed from 4.30 pm on Christmas Eve, to re-open at 8.30 a.m. on Monday, January 4. People desirous of making payments of instalments for rates should have the first payment made by the end of December. Emergency phone numbers may be seen on the notice board at the offices. During January the Civic Offices will close for lunch noon to 1 p.m.

### Library Services

The Altona City Library services at the base and the branch will close for the holiday period at 6 p.m. on Thursday, December 24, to open Monday, January 4, 1971 — at the base at 128 Queen Street, Altona, at noon and at the branch at No. 7 The Circle, at 3 p.m. Borrowers will be permitted to take out extra books for the holiday period — these may be returned at any time during the holidays.

### Baby Health Centres

The Baby Health Centres will close after the usual sessions on Christmas Eve and re-open for the usual Monday sessions on Monday, January 4, 1971.

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## BIRTHS

PASCOE, Cavender To Stell and John a daughter, Danielle Margaret, Williamstown Hospital, December 16th. Thanks Dr. Silver and staff.

## ENGAGEMENTS

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## PEARL WEDDING

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## DEATHS

FINLAYSON, Jack — A tribute to a life member and esteemed friend who will be sadly missed by all tennis associates. — Liston Esplanade Tennis Club.

MILLER, Alexander Robert. — 14th December (suddenly), of 77 Railway Crescent, Williamstown, beloved husband of Peg. Deep in our hearts your memory is kept. Too dearly loved to ever forget.

MILLER, Alexander Robert. — 14th December (suddenly), of 77 Railway Crescent, Williamstown, beloved father of Wayne, Sharyne, Pam, John, Tracey, stepfather of Bob and Daryl. God has him in His keeping. We have him in our hearts.

## IN MEMORIAM

HOPPER. — In loving memory of Harry, passed away 26/12/66. Treasured memories — silently kept. — Loving wife, Nell, and family.

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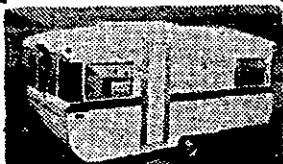
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NISBET, Stanley Hargrave. — Passed away suddenly January 1st, 1970. Loved husband of Una and dear father of Jeffrey and Louise. We bless the years we called him ours.

TAYLOR. — In loving memory of my dear daughter, who passed away December 23, 1964. Memories keep you ever near.

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THOMPSON, Rowena. — In loving memory of our dear mum and nan, passed away January 1st 1968.

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WALKER, Emma Mary. — Loving memories of our dear mother, who fell asleep December 21, 1969. In Heavenly love abiding. — Jane, Alex and Gordon (deceased).

WEAVER. — In loving memory of my dear mother and nana January 2nd, 1969. Always in our hearts. — Gwen, Reg, and Janice, Jean, Ken, Wayne, Norma.

WHIFFIN. — In loving memory of my dear husband Allan and our dear father, who passed away on December 25, 1969. I sit alone and think of you. And of the way you cared. We thank you for those happy years. Of the love that we all shared. The years may change a lot of things. But not our love for you. For you meant everything to us. And will our whole life through. — Your loving wife Rube and family.

WHIFFIN. — In loving memory of our father and grandfather Allan who passed away on Christmas Day, 1969. Loved and remembered always. — Rex, Heather, Gregory and Dale.

WHIFFIN, Allan Alfred. — Fondest memories, not just today but always, of Dad passed away Dec. 25, 1969. — Inserted by his loving son Max, daughter-in-law Lauretta and grandchildren David and Laurelle.

WHIFFIN, Allan Alfred. — In memory of our beloved Dad and Papa, passed away December 25, 1969. Weep not for me. But courage take. And love each other for my sake. Two hands that did so much for us. Are resting as God's will. — Loving daughter Beverley, son-in-law Tom, grandsons Ian, Wayne and Gary.

WHIFFIN, Allen. — Passed away 25th December, 1969. Dear brother of Gordon, passed away 21-6-69, dear brother-in-law of Marge and family. Our Friend.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

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CITY OF WILLIAMSTOWN. Garbage Collection — New Year's Day. Householders whose garbage would normally be collected on Friday, 1st January, 1971 (New Year's Day) are hereby notified that such garbage will be collected on Wednesday, 30th December, 1970. Residents are requested to have their garbage bins out by 7.30 a.m. to ensure collection. J. E. MORLEY, Town Clerk and Manager.

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After the meal, guests were entertained by voluntary local artists and one 89-year-old woman took part in the dancing with Workingmen's Club president Charles Thomson.

The mayor and his wife drew the raffle which was

won by Mrs. Newbound of Altona.

Among the guests were Altona councillors Lynch, Sommers, Burns, Stewart, and their wives; the Rev. David Pope, and newly appointed Altona Workingmen's Club manager, Gerald Keep and his wife.

## Assembly of God

Assembly of God, Altona, will hold a Christmas service at 10 a.m. on Christmas day at 9 Wren Street, Altona.

The Sunday morning communion services will be held in Wren Street for the next few weeks at the usual time of 11 a.m.

Any other meetings will be by arrangement and details are obtainable from the pastor on 398 3003.

The date of resumption of activities at the scout hall will be advised early in the new year.

## They're leaving

Ikleen Australia Pty. Ltd., the company that Williamstown council refused to allow to continue operating from premises in Ferguson Street, has advised council that it will vacate these premises by December 31.

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# Altona collapses —dramatically

Resuming at 0/29 in reply to Spotswood's 144, Altona lost Ron McCullach and Tim Page for the addition of only three runs.

Ken Hansen and Tony Paone settled in and gradually got on top, to take the score to 76 before Hansen was dismissed for 25, only to be followed next ball by Michael Oram. Paone, batting well, was joined by Alec Merrill. This pair showed that there was little danger in the bowling by adding 55 runs to tea, and Altona, at 4/131, were in a comfortable position.

As so often happens, the break caused a loss of concentration, and upon the resumption, Merrill was dismissed without addition. Ken Duff followed four runs later, Ian Hughes one run later, and Tony Paone after a patient innings for 50 runs, was caught with the score at 139. With two wickets in hand, Altona still required six runs for victory. The batsmen were really under pressure, and Michael Calaz and Bob Dare were both dismissed for the addition of only two runs. Altona, in a dismal effort had lost six wickets for 10 runs, and finished three runs short of Spotswood's total.

Coach Ken Hansen obviously has problems with Altona's batting when between seven batsmen, only six runs can be scored — a very poor effort.

With only an hour to play, Spotswood were content to play out time in their second innings and at stumps had lost four wickets for 57.

Scores: Spotswood, 1st innings, 144, 2nd innings 4/57. Altona, 1st innings 141.

The B grade team had an outright win over the South Yarra Club, after trailing on the first innings.

Resuming at four for 77 in its second innings, after trailing by four runs on the first innings, Altona reached 151, leaving South Yarra 146 runs to make in even time for an outright win.

For Altona Ron Cook made 36, Tony Gray 22 n.o., Alan Willett 12, Dave Jenkins 12 and Peter Milne 12.

Altona, with one player short (Frank Thomas was injured) set about the task of dismissing South Yarra and salvaging some points from the game.

Terry Gray broke through early, but on a near perfect batting strip and a fast outfield, South Yarra reached 52 before Neville Healey broke through when Bruce Forrester accepted the chance. Noel Michael secured a wicket in his first over, and South Yarra were three for 54.

It was not until the score reached 90 that Altona got the next wicket when Michael trapped the batsman in front of his wicket.

Cook and Michael were

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of play remaining, 50 runs were still required for victory.

Frank Kirk and Graeme Hosken set about reducing the deficit and quickly added 24 runs before Kirk fell to an excellent catch. This proved to be Altona's downfall as the remaining batsmen were unable to force the pace sufficiently and at stumps Altona, with three wickets intact were 13 runs short of outright points.

With a three-week break for Xmas Altona, with 38 points, are still on top of the "C" grade ladder, closely followed by Kensington United, Spotswood and Windsor, all on 32 points.

Scores: North Melbourne: First innings, 88; second innings, 86. Bowling: H. Osowski 1/19, R. Gray 1/20, C. Stephenson 3/28, F. Kirk 3/7, K. Hancock 2/8. Altona: First innings, 9/91 (dec.) (F. Kirk 27 n.o.); second innings, 7/71 (F. Kirk 26, G. Hosken 14).

CLUB XI: Altona gained outright points over Williamstown Baseballers and should kick on now to make the finals.

Altona: First innings: J. Grassby, run out, 48; B. Critchley, lbw, b. McMillan, 53; K. Stephenson, b. Pedretti, 15; J. McDonald, b. McMillan, 2; P. Carton, lbw, b. McMillan, 2; K. Flett, c. Johns, 12; W. Bruce, c. Johns, 6; M. Critchley, b. Johns, 4; G. Knight, n.o., 5; J. Holden, c. Johns, 0; G. Blokerus, n.o., 0. Extras, 18. Nine (dec.) for 165. Bowling: W. Johns, 4/48; J. McMillan, 3/14; W. Pedretti, 1/31.

Williamstown Baseballers: Second innings: N. Pedretti, b. M. Critchley, 13; J. Humphries, c. Stephenson, 1; K. McKensie, st. B. Critchley, 16; P. Collins, b. Carton, 3; W. Johns, c. B. Critchley, 9; M. Wainstein, b. Carton, 11; A. Harris, lbw, b. Carton, 12; E. Knight, b. B. Critchley, 0; J. McMillan, n.o., 0; B. Wills, absent, 0; R. Baker, absent, 0. Extras, 8. Total, 73. Bowling: M. Critchley, 1/11; K. Stephenson, 1/11; P. Carton, 3/24; B. Critchley, 3/19.

Bill Bibby and Jim Joyce opened the innings for Altona, and in trying to hit the bowlers out of the ground needlessly, were both dismissed in the second over. Roy Evans, on the other hand, was unable to get going and batted for 26 minutes for only five runs. Wayne Patton also found the bowling hard to get away, and with only 35 minutes

## LIFESAVERS RAISE \$200 FOR BOAT

After a week of fund raising, Altona Life Saving Club has collected over \$200 for a new life boat.

The club also appealed this week for members to make themselves available for beach patrols.

A warning was issued for the Christmas period to beware of blue-ringed octopuses at the beach.

One of the grateful donors to the boat building fund was the committee of management of the North Altona Kindergarten.

Parents at the kindergarten were given a demonstration of how to revive victims of the deadly octopus attack.

The poison from the octopus strikes at the victim's respiratory system and unless mouth-to-mouth, or other means of resuscitation, are used, the victim may die.

Seven club members gained bars to their bronze medallions at the last general meeting of the club.

Members have also logged up many hours on "operation beach clean" this week.

Conspicuously placed colored bins, provided by Australian Glass Manufac-

turers, are in positions on the beach.

Club members have been busy with inter-club competitions.

Worthy of note in the race were the three wins by the Terry family who won the under-10, under-12 and under-16 breaststroke.

Rotoract's new look-out tower will be erected on the foreshore within the next two weeks.

The club thanks all the donors to the boat appeal and wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy New Year.

# Williamstown down in first innings

Williamstown first XI was defeated on first innings scores in its match against Ormond at the weekend.

After setting 114 in the first innings, Williamstown bowlers couldn't stop Ormond reaching 244 at the end of play.

Top bowlers for Williamstown were D. McKenzie, who took 3/43, followed by K. Miller, who took 2/25.

Ormond's opener John Craig, and captain Colin Hyland, made things difficult for Williamstown, scoring 35 from a solid no mistakes innings.

Craig and Hyland were dismissed later within

minutes of one another with no additional runs.

Craig was caught off Tom Seal for 33 and Hyland off McConnell for 2.

Former Williamstown player Jeff McLeod and Ted Plant for Ormond, led their team to a firm position.

Just when it seemed that Ormond would be dismissed for a reasonable score Graeme Wilcox stepped into the breach and batted a good 38 in 27 minutes.

Williamstown went in

to bat and scored 11 without loss.

Bowling figures for Williamstown were, D. McKenzie 3/43, J. Peters 0/49, T. Seal 2/68, B. McConnell 1/33, K. Miller 2/25, K. Tweedley 1/7.

### SCOREBOARD

Ormond, 1st innings: M. Patterson c. Gibson b. McKenzie 14; J. Craig c. Stewart b. Seal 64; A. Doble c. McConnell b. Seal 2; C. Hyland c. McKenzie b. McConnell 23; J. MacLeod st. Gibson

b. McKenzie 17; E. Plant n.o. 52; J. Haddy c. and b. Miller 0; D. Mathews b. Miller 8; P. Cozens b. McKenzie 3; G. Wilcox run out 38; J. Pinches c. Harris, b. Tweedley 4; extras 19; total 244.

Bowling: D. McKenzie 3/43; J. Peters 0/49; T. Seal 2/68; B. McConnell 1/33; K. Miller 2/25, K. Tweedley 1/7.

Williamstown first in nings 113.

Second innings: K. Tweedley n.o. 9; F. Stewart n.o. 2; total 0/11.

Bowling: J. Pinches 0/5; J. McLeod 0/0, D. Mathews 0/5, M. Patterson 0/1.

### Second XI

Williamstown second XI was luckier in its game against Ormond winning 217-169 in first innings scores.

That's if you can call Bowyer's century luck.

Williamstown was in trouble early when its opening batsman, McLeod, was clean bowled off Zimmer for none.

Trailing Ormond's 169 three wickets fell for six runs.

Opening bat Bowyer and Skillen (44), made a hole in Ormond's score by making a joint 112 run partnership, 165 by Bowyer.

P. Boyer, scored a handy 35 to boost his team to victory.

Scoreboard: I. McLeod b. G. Zimmer 0; F. Boyer c. and b. G. Zimmer 105; J. Roberts c. G. Zimmer 0; J. Becroft c. G. Zimmer 4; R. Skillen st. A. Robertson 44; A. Park b. A. Duggan 5; T. Ferris c. A. Robertson 0; D. Thoms c. A. Duggan 0; R. Salter run out 4; P. Bowyer b. G. Zimmer 35; N. Shaw not out 11; extras 9; Total 217.

## NEWPORT LADIES BOWLING

Results of pennant played on Tuesday, December 15:

B1 went down to Ascot Vale by 20 shots. B3 went down again to Aberfeldie by 61 shots. C2 continued on their winning way, up 71 shots to Buckley Park, and are nearing the top of the ladder. Winners of spoons: A. Ritchie (capt.), A. Sutherland, J. Houser, W. Lowe.

Wednesday was the last interclub match for the year. Winning team: V. Hartnett (capt.), M. Michael, N. Hopper, J. Smith.

Runners up: P. Kisser (capt.), R. Whitford, O. Tinworth, D. Leslie.

Lucky ticket: Mrs. N. Hopper.

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## Jack Finlayson dies aged 70

Jack Finlayson, 70, famous sportsman and coach, died last Friday at Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital after a long illness.

Mr. Finlayson of Ford Street, Newport, worked at the Newport Workshops for 50 years as a boilermaker-welder in the steel construction section.

Since he started as an apprentice wood machinist at the age of 14, he played a part in putting hundreds of carriages and trucks on railway lines throughout Victoria.

He was engaged on the construction of the Spirit of Progress, which was the first all-steel constructed train in the Southern Hemisphere.

He was a successful cyclist, ballroom dancer, tennis player and tennis coach.

During his cycling years, he made an impressive debut with the Williamstown Professionals with victory in his first open event — a road race over 10 miles against 130 competitors.

More good wins followed against riders of the calibre of Hubert Opperman and "Fatty" Lamb.

At 25 he created an Australian record time of 1.53.4/5 for a mile handicap event.

Two years later, riding in an open 20-mile road race, he clocked 47 minutes, beating by two minutes the Australasian record which had stood for 20 years.

He also found another hobby, ballroom dancing.

He worked at it with his customary zeal and quickly rose to the top, winning "big money" competitions at Leggett's, the Orama and the Masonic Hall in Collins Street.

In 1925 he reached the semi-final of the Victorian Ballroom Championship.

After retiring from cycling at 29, he turned to tennis.

Leaving a successful playing career, he became the most outstanding tennis coach in the Western suburbs.

He won the Williamstown district doubles championship with Harold Melouney two years running and finished runner up in the singles championship three years running.

At the age of 50 he finished competitive tennis and became part-time professional coach of the Liston-Esplanade Club, a post he held until ill health forced his retirement.

He left a wife and two sons.

## CROQUET LUNCHEON

On Wednesday, December 9, the president of the Williamstown Croquet Club, Mrs. Bloedorn, welcomed some fifty members and friends to the annual Christmas luncheon. In the afternoon cards were enjoyed and a few members and visitors played croquet. The Christmas hamper was won by Mrs. L. Beck, lucky seat Mrs. E. Adams.

## Newport first XI

McKinnon resumed at 2 for 20 chasing Newport's 96 and after a long hard struggle against accurate bowling and tight fielding declared at tea 8 down for 102.

Successful bowlers for the locals were Johnny Thompson 3 for 18, John Fowler 2 for 21, Tom Russell 2 for 37 and George Mologousis 1 for 20.

Newport's second innings was a bit of a procession to and from the crease with the scoreboard showing 7 for 90 at stumps. Skipper Kev McKusker 25 n.o. and Tom Russell 18 n.o. saved the day with Laurie Swanson 16 and J. Fowler 12. The only other batsmen reaching double figures.

### SECOND XI

In a most entertaining day's cricket played under perfect conditions at McKinnon the visitors rattled on 5 declared for 157 at tea. Warren Diamond 17, Phillip Humphries 18, Jack Jarrad 22, Dean

Humphries 19, Kev Waters 35 and Ernie Aitken 41 n.o. all batted well for their runs as Newport wiped off its 45 run first innings deficit. McKinnon needed 113 runs for outright victory and got them for the loss of 6 wickets with J. Jarrad 2 for 44, Ricky Carrington 2 for 31, P. Humphries 1 for 10 and Bill Stevenson 1 for 7. The successful trundlers. Scores: Newport 79 and 5 dec. for 157 defeated by McKinnon 9 for 124 and 6 for 113.

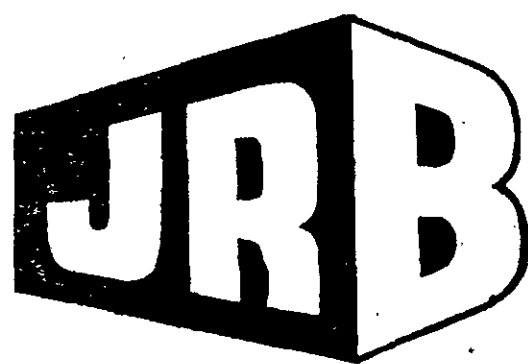
### CLUB XI

St. Paul's took its score from 2/29 to 130 all out in reply to Newport's first innings tally of 105.

Russ Bryant bowled well to capture 5/39, well supported by Dick Roberts 3/41 and Nicky Apostilides 2/18.

Newport turned on a dismal display in its second innings as it slumped to 8/41 at stumps with L. Bryant top scoring with 10.





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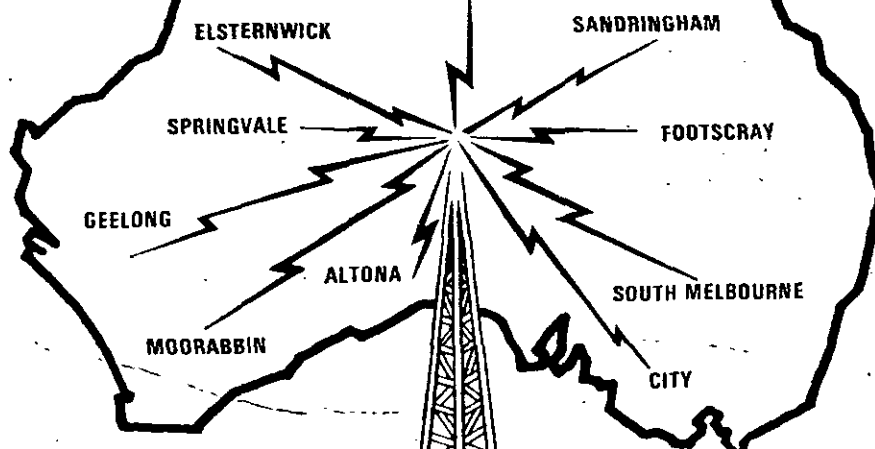
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